(b) if so, whether the banks have supplied relevant information to the Income Tax Deaprtment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is reffering to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in part (a) of the question. The Reserve Bank of India is aware that the Income Tax Department have issued notices seeking certain details from some banks regarding expenses and losses for the computation of total income but not in respect of any recoveries as reffered to in the question. The income tax assessments for the assessment year 1992-93 are in progress and the banks are reportedly furnishing the information sought for by the Income Tax Department.

Financial Assistance to Gujarat

*91. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHAN SINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal for financial assistance from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation and the National Housing Bank to improve the condition of hospitals in that State during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance provided by Government so far; and

(d) if no assistance has been provided, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Housing and Urban Development Corporation and National Housing Bank have reported that they have not received any proposal for financial assistance from the Government of Gujarat to improve the condition of hospitals in that State during the current year.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have stated that 'Health' being a State subject, no assistance is provided by that Ministry to the Government of Gujarat to improve the condition of hospitals in the State.

Telecommunications Panchasheel Scheme

*92. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a scheme known as 'Telecommunications Panchasheel';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the M. Ps Local Area Development Fund can be used for the purpose of any item in this scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Communications.

(b) to (d) In view of reply at (a) above, questions do not arise.

Power Situation in Orissa

*93. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for power in Orissa has outstripped its availability;